

What is claimed is:

1. A scissors instrument, comprising:
 - a) a first blade;
 - b) a second blade defining a cutting interface with said first blade;
 - c) a tissue piercing tip of substantially smaller diameter than said first and second blades projecting from one of said first and second blades; and
 - d) a handle operable to move said first and said blades relative to each other.
2. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:
said tip is ground so as to be not larger than approximately a 25 gauge needle.
3. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:
said first blade is an upper blade, said second blade is a lower blade, and said tip is coupled to said lower blade.
4. A scissors instrument according to claim 3, wherein:
said tip extends beyond said first blade.

5. A scissor instrument according to claim 3, wherein:
said first blade, and second blade and tip coupled thereto are of substantially equal length.
6. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:
said second blade includes an upper cutting surface, and said tip is substantially parallel to said upper cutting surface.
7. A scissors instrument according to claim 6, wherein:
said tip is substantially aligned with said upper cutting surface.
8. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:
said second blade includes a lower surface, and said tip is substantially parallel to said lower surface. .
9. A scissors instrument according to claim 8, wherein:
said lower surface of said second blade tapers toward said tip.
10. A scissors instrument according to claim 8, wherein:
said lower surface of said second blade is substantially straight.

11. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:

 said handle is a Castroviejos type handle.

12. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:

 said handle includes at least one ring.

13. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, further

comprising:

 an elongate shaft proximal and distal ends, wherein said handle is coupled to said proximal end and said first and second blades are coupled adjacent said distal end.

14. A scissors instrument according to claim 13, wherein:

 said shaft is tubular.

15. A scissor instrument according to claim 14, wherein:

 said shaft is flexible.

16. A scissors instrument according to claim 15, wherein:

 said shaft is a catheter.

17. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:

 said tip has a cross-sectional shape which is one of,
 i) round,
 ii) triangular, and
 iii) tear-drop.

18. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:

 each of said first and second blades are tapered, and
 said second blade includes a secondary taper which at least
 partially defines said tissue piercing tip.

19. A scissors instrument according to claim 1, wherein:

 each of said first and second blades are tapered, and
 said second blade includes a step which at least partially
 defines said tissue piercing tip.

20. A scissors instrument, comprising:

 a) scissors blades;
 b) a handle operable to move at least one scissors blade
 relative to the other; and
 c) a tissue-piercing tip having a substantially constant
 diameter in relation to said scissors blades.

21. A scissors instrument according to claim 20, wherein:
said tip extends beyond said scissors blades.

22. A scissors instrument according to claim 12, wherein:
said scissors blades includes first and second
scissors blades, and said tip extends from said second
scissors blade.

23. A scissors instrument according to claim 22, wherein:
said first blade, and second blade and tip extending
therefrom are of substantially equal length.

24. A method of creating an incision in an anatomical
vessel, comprising:

- a) providing a single instrument including scissors
blades and a tissue-piercing needle element;
- b) inserting the tissue-piercing element through an
anterior surface of the vessel prior to incising the
anterior surface of the vessel with another instrument; and
- c) cutting the vessel between the scissors blades.

25. A method according to claim 24, further comprising:
d) prior to said cutting, advancing a scissors blade in
alignment with the tissue-piercing element into the vessel.

26. A method according to claim 24, wherein
said advancing occurs parallel to a length of the
vessel.